



Oranjestad sparkled with the Lighting Parade on Saturday night!

As Carnival 53, the greatest party of the year approaches its final big parade next week, one of the most fun and exciting of all the parades, The Lighting Parade, took place in Oranjestad on Saturday night.

For many, the Lighting Parade is the one Carnival event that they absolutely will not miss. There is no sitting in the hot sun waiting for the parade, just the cool evening air, streets filled with happy people, and lots of BEER!!

This year, a standout group was Los Laga Bai, basing their theme on the Cascabel Fortuna, the native Aruban rattlesnake, which is depicted on the island's twenty-five florin money. This tied in with the Los Laga Bai Carnival Group celebrating their silver jubilee; twenty-five years of Carnival participation. Their colorful costumes, based on the design of the money, were topped with beautifully detailed headpieces.

The float that carried Cristina Treyo, Aruba's Carnival Queen for 2007 and representing the T.O.B. Carnival Group was also impressive, as she waved to the spectators nestled amongst a giant elephant heads and shaman's masks. It was one of many gorgeous floats, road pieces and spectacular costumes, as Arubans lined the streets of Oranjestad, or danced through them, enjoying Lighting Parade 2007!